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SUBJECT: VARIANCES IN REPRESENTATIONS ON US VIEWS

, DEPARTMENT HAS NOTICED IN MANY CABLES FROM VARIOUS POSTS REPORTING ON CONVERSATIONS WITH HOST GOVT. OFFICIALS THAT SOME VARIATION HAS CREPT INTO OUR EXPLANATIONS OF OUR BASIC PEACE SCENARIO FOR THE OGADEN.

2. IN FUTURE CONVERSATIONS, POSTS SHOULD STRESS THAT USG IS DEFINITELY FOR SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN, NO MATTER WHAT THE EXACT CONTEXT IN WHICH SUBJECT ARISES (SUCH AS DISCUSSING INDUCEMENTS, TIMING, ETC.). THE CEASEFIRE WE FAVOR IS NOT ONE IN PLACE BUT AN ETHIOPIAN AND SOMALI AGREEMENT NOT TO SHOOT AT EACH OTHER AS SOMALI FORCES WITHDRAW. WE ALSO FEEL THAT, PENDING A SETTLEMENT, A NEUTRAL ENTITY, POSSIBLY UNDER OAU AUSPICES, SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INTO THE OGADEN TO OBSERVE WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES, ENSURE WELFARE OF INHABITANTS IN COURSE OF WITHDRAWAL, AND PREVENT A RESURGENCE OF HOSTILITIES. THE NEGOTIATIONS WE FAVOR ARE FOR BASIC SETTLEMENT OF LONG-STANDING DISPUTES IN ORDER TO AVOID FUTURE OUTBREAKS OF
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WAR, NOT AS A STEP LEADING TO SOMALI WITHDRAWAL. THESE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD MOST LIKELY COME ABOUT ONLY AFTER

CEASEFIRE AND LINKED SOMALI WITHDRAWAL ARE COMPLETED, ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT FOR THE NEED TO NEGOTIATE A BASIC SETTLEMENT COULD COME AT SAME MOMENT AS AGREEMENT TO STOP SHOOTING AT EACH OTHER. CHRISTOPHER

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